

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 26, 1885.

The City Council met in the Council Chamber on the 26th inst. Present—Mayor Becher (in the chair), Ald. Taylor, Watson, Green, O'Meara, Cowan, Kingston, Brown, Hook, Stringer, Scarrow, Hodgins, Christie. Minutes of last meeting were read and signed by his Worship.

From A. Isaacs, Clerk of London East, enclosing the following resolution, adopted by the Amalgamation Committee:—

That in consideration of the Council of London East passing the necessary resolution for the submission to the ratepayers of the question of amalgamation, and the ratepayers adopting a by-law confirming it, if the City Council pass a similar resolution, the following terms are settled as a part of the basis upon which the amalgamation shall be effected:—

1—That in consideration of the Grand Trunk Railway rebuilding, establishing and maintaining within the limits of the amalgamated municipalities or either of them, Car Works or Locomotive or other shops, and giving employment therein to not less than six hundred workmen during the continuance of the exemption, an offer shall be made to them of rebate of taxation of at least \$3,500 per annum, and at least \$500 additional for every additional one hundred workmen for ten years.

2—That during the period of five years from the date of amalgamation the proceeds of the rate levied upon property in London East for street improvement shall be expended in that municipality.

3—That for the period of five years from the date of amalgamation the increase of the rate on the dollar shall be only in proportion to the amount required to furnish London East with such additional advantages as the Council of London East shall require when final terms are being settled, and the vote of 1885 to be the basis.

4—That the charges relating to Water-works to be paid by London East are to be the same as those paid by London proper, and that the hydrants on Adelaide street be charged at half rate.

5—That London East shall assume jointly as much of the debt of London proper as will balance the debt of London East, based upon the actual value of property in London East and London proper.

6—That all refineries and paraffine works shall be allowed to remain wherever the Council of London East may, by by-law, locate them, and all by-laws of exemption, etc., passed before the first day of January, 1885, to be accepted.

7—That the property now known as Queen's Park shall be retained for all time to come as a public park.

8—That the matter of a fourth class be left in the hands of the respective School Boards, and their finding constitute clause 8 of this agreement.

9—That a branch fire and police station be established for London East, and the eastern portion of the city.

10—That all the terms of the amalgamation not settled by the Councils of the respective amalgamating municipalities shall be settled by arbitration, and ratified by special Act if necessary.

Referred to Amalgamation Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From Col. Otter—Asking for a grant to the Ontario Rifle Association No. 1, with power.

From James Griffin—For permission to place a sign above the letter-box near the Post Office. No. 3.

From Jane Insell—For remission of taxes. No. 1.

From Mrs. E. Hamilton—For remission of street watering rate. No. 1.

From Henry S. Blackburn—*Re* income tax. No. 1.

From Mary Jackson—*Re* taxes. No. 1.

From the Forest City Electric Light Company—Stating that they are prepared to enter into a contract on reasonable terms to supply electric light. No. 8.

MORE POLICE PROTECTION.

Ald. Stringer asked that his Worship may bring the subject of more police protection in the Southern part of the City.

His Worship replied the matter would be attended to.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Taylor, Chairman.

1—The account of D. Rutherford for lightning rods, \$164, is referred to the Council.

2—Recommended that stone breakers be paid at the rate of \$3 per cord, and teamsters \$1 per cord for hauling.

3—Recommended that the petition of James Kennedy *et al* opposing the construction of a tile drain on Grey street, between Clarence and Richmond, be granted.

On motion the report was taken up, clause by clause.

Clause 1, read.

Ald. Kingston moved that the item of \$11 for repairs, be paid, and the balance of the account referred back to the Committee. Ald Hodgins seconded.

Carried.

On clause 2, read and adopted.

Clause 3, adopted.